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Application Number	08/646,565
Filing Date	May 8, 1996
First Named Inventor	BITNER, S. A.
Art Unit	2174
Examiner Name	Sax, S.
Attorney Docket Number	6783.00

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Re: NCR Docket No. 6783  
Serial No. 08/646,565

Dear Mr. Sax:

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Sincerely,

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